

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 18, paragraph [0059] of the specification as follows:

[0059] The following microorganisms have been deposited as pure cultures at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty:

- C. glutamicum strain DSM 5715/pEC-K18mob2 on 20th January 2000 as DSM 13245,
- Escherichia coli DH5alphamcr/pEC-K18mob2cstAexp on 22nd August 2000 as DSM 13671.

Please amend page 21, paragraph [0073] of the specification as follows:

[0073] The DNA section lying upstream of SEQ ID No. 1 was identified in the same way, this section being shown in SEQ ID No. 3. The cstA gene region extended by SEQ ID No. 3 is shown in SEQ ID No. 4. SEQ ID NO: 5 shows the amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 4.